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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION IN WEST BERLIN

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- 1. SENAT TRANSPORT EXPERT LINSENMAIER HAS RECEIVED TELEXED INVITATION FROM GDR TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIAL FUNK INVITING HIM TO MEETING AT MINISTRY MARCH 15. INVITATION SAYS THAT "THERE IS NECESSITY FOR A TALK BETWEEN US" IN CONNECTION WITH MINISTRY'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 17 REQUESTING ADDITONAL LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT CHARLOTTENBURG, SPANDAU AND STAAKEN.
- 2. LINSENMAIER CALLED ON FUNK IN EAST BERLIN FEBRUARY 27 TO MAKE PRESENTATION DEVELOPED BY ALLIES EXPLAINING THAT COMPLIANCE WITH LAND REQUEST WAS CONTINGENT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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REICHSBAHN COMPLIANCE WITH BK/O(75)15 (REF A). GDR

FOREIGN MINISTRY REP TOOK OVER THAT MEETING FROM TRANSPORT AND REICHSBAHN PEOPLE TO ASSERT TOUGH GDR LINE. WE INTERPRET NEW INVITATION AS PROBE TO DETERMINE HOW FIRMLY ALLIES AND SENAT ARE HOLDING TO POSITION THAT REICHSBAHN COMPLIANCE MUST COME FIRST. INVITATION MAY ALSO BE EFFORT TO REESTABLISH GDR-SENAT LINE AS BALANCE TO GAUS-SEIDEL MEETINGS SINCE KUNZE MADE CLEAR MARCH 5 THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO HAVE FURTHER MEETINGS WITH MITDANK OF GDR FOREIGN OFFICE.

3. WE AND FRENCH HAVE AGREED THAT INVITATION SHOULD BE REJECTED BY TELEX SAYING THAT MEETING CANNOT BE HELD UNTIL REICHSBAHN HAS COMPLIED. BRITISH ALSO AGREE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR SENAT TO ACCEPT INVITATION NOW BUT SAY THAT IF GAUS-SEIDEL CHANNEL BEGINS TO SHOW PROMISE OR SOVIETS REACT FAVORABLY LINSENMAIERFUNK CHANNEL MIGHT HAVE SOME USE AND THAT SENAT SHOULD SIMPLY DELAY ANSWER. MISSIONS HAVE AGREED THAT SENAT SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO ANSWER TELEX TODAY. UNLESS THERE ARE DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERIM THAT WARRANT ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION, WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO NEGATIVE RESPONSE BEING SENT BY SENAT MARCH 12.GEORGE

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